

**Department of Journalism**  
**April 20, 2020**  
**Zoom**

Faculty attending: Basu, Bridis, Calvert, Foley, Freeman, Grant, Hernandez, Hove, Lewis, LoMonte, Lowe, McAdams, Rodgers, Sheehan, Spiker, Tripp, Waddell, Walsh-Childers

Also attending: McFarlin, Kiousis, Frey, Wade

Meeting opens at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes approved. Spiker congratulated Basu for winning UF Teacher of the Year.

Julie Frey introduced as director of Career and Corporate Partnerships. Updated on position and role of the office.

Kiousis thanked faculty on behalf of dean's office for transformation this semester. Lowe asked about S/U. McFarlin thanked faculty for smooth transition and congratulated Basu on Teacher of the Year. McFarlin answered questions re covid-19.

Committee updates:

>>Sheehan and curriculum committee presented data on diversity/internationalization survey. Made recommendations for next steps, including department diversity statement and re-casting of MMC 2604. Survey results on faculty Canvas site. McAdams suggested a peer-review process for auditing classes and making suggestions. Spiker suggested doing diversity statement now, small group working over summer to prep for voting/decisions in fall. Hove shared link to UF resources.

>>Other forms from other committees on hold until early fall.

Spiker updated on department summer projects—closing some curriculum gaps, annual reports, retreat and some long-term goals.

Hove asked for suggestions about professional development options.

Anyone wanting to discuss Digital Measures forms can stay on line.

Faculty unanimously shook heads “no” when asked if they wanted another faculty meeting for the semester.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Spiker